



Housing Accessibility Modification Program (HAMP)

A program designed to improve the physical access of rental units for people with disabilities.

WHAT IS HAMP?

The Housing Accessibility Modification Program, offered through the Baltimore County Office of Planning's Commission on Disabilities, provides financial assistance to individuals with disabilities so their rental units can be modified to meet their accessibility needs.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR A HAMP GRANT?

To be eligible, an applicant with an identifiable disability must reside in Baltimore County and have a rental lease agreement for at least one year. The total household income may not exceed 80% of the median income for Baltimore County. Currently, a single person may not earn more than \$41,300/year. The two-person income limit is \$47,200.

WHAT MODIFICATIONS ARE ALLOWED UNDER HAMP?

Most renovations involve the installation of wheelchair ramps/lifts. However, we have made renovations to bathrooms and kitchens to allow for greater ease of use. Each request is reviewed on a case by case basis. Prior to approval, requests are first reviewed by a Commission on Disabilities inspector to determine the scope and viability of the work. (Please note: we do not make accessibility renovations to common areas such as swimming pools, parking lots, etc.)

WHO PERFORMS THE MODIFICATION?

All work is done by licensed contractors. The property owner may choose the contractor, however the Office of Planning retains a list of local contractors who have experience with the HAMP Program.

WHY HAMP?

While the immediate intent of the program is to assure that renters with disabilities have full access to their units by affording them the resources to make reasonable accommodations, in the long term, it is our hope that the HAMP program will increase accessible rental units in Baltimore County.

To apply, simply contact the Baltimore County Commission on Disabilities at 410-887-3580. Funding will be awarded after consideration of each application on a first come, first served basis as long as funding is available.

THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES...

...includes people with disabilities, family members, representatives of public and private service-providing agencies, and state and local government,

...is a part of the Baltimore County Department of Planning,

...is made up of volunteers who are appointed by the County Executive,

...works to assure that all of the County's programs and services are accessible.

Our **MISSION** is to foster attitudes and promote behaviors which respect and value people with disabilities among County government, its citizens, and others.



Baltimore County
Department of Planning
COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
The Jefferson Building
Suite 201
105 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204
410.887.3580 (Voice)
MD Relay: 711
hfranklin@baltimorecountymd.gov

Please feel free to copy and distribute this brochure so that others may benefit from the information which it contains.

Available in alternative format upon request.

HOUSING ACCESSIBILITY MODIFICATION PROGRAM (H A M P)

**ACCESSIBILITY
MODIFICATIONS FOR
RENTERS WITH
DISABILITIES**

